

## **CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION REGISTRY FORESTRY GREENHOUSE GAS ACCOUNTING PROTOCOLS**

The Air Resources Board (the Board or ARB) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the adoption of California Climate Action Registry forestry greenhouse gas accounting protocols. Adoption is a non-regulatory action which would represent the Board's endorsement of a technically sound approach for carbon accounting in forest projects.

DATE: October 25, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency  
Air Resources Board  
Byron Sher Auditorium  
1001 I St.  
Sacramento, CA 95812

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., October 25, 2007, and will continue at 8:30 a.m., October 26, 2007. This item may not be considered until October 26, 2007. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before October 25, 2007, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

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### **BACKGROUND**

Staff recommends the Board adopt the California Climate Action Registry (CCAR) forestry protocols for use in voluntary greenhouse gas accounting. Adoption is a non-regulatory action which would represent the Board's endorsement of a technically sound approach for carbon accounting in forest projects. This is the first step in a process to promote projects to make use of California's forest resources to reduce greenhouse gas levels. An important step in achieving this end is scientifically based methods for accurate carbon stock accounting. The CCAR forestry protocols – the sector, project, and verification protocols – are cohesive and comprehensive sets of

methodologies for forest carbon accounting. Adoption of the CCAR sector, project and verification forest protocols is non-regulatory, and their use would be voluntary.

These protocols represent the work of leading experts in forestry and in protocol development, the input of stakeholders and the public over a four-year public process, and the review by 50 external experts representing the forest industry, policy and academia. The protocols were supported by the Board of Forestry (2004) and approved by the CCAR Board (2005).

After adopting the protocols, ARB staff will work with other state agencies and affected groups to examine the need for other forest carbon accounting methods or additional forestry protocols to address the special needs of different types of forest land holdings. This ongoing effort is needed to further promote sound forestry project development.

ARB staff will present a written report as well as oral statements at the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from the Board's Public Information Office, 1001 "I" Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 322-2990, on October 15, 2007. The report may also be obtained from ARB's Forestry and Climate Change internet site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/ccei/forestry/forestry.htm>.

## **SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS**

Interested members of the public may also present comments orally or in writing at the meeting, and in writing or by e-mail before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments submissions not physically submitted at the meeting must be received **no later than 12:00 noon, October 24, 2007**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Facsimile submittal: (916) 322-3928

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

The Board requests, but does not require, 30 copies of any written submission. Also, the ARB requests that written and e-mail statements be filed at least ten days prior to the meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have time to fully consider each

comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Dale Shimp, Manager, Environmental Justice and Special Projects Section, at [dshimp@arb.ca.gov](mailto:dshimp@arb.ca.gov), or (916) 324-7156.

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